

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 3 and 12 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-2, 4-11, and 13-36 are pending.

The specification stands objected to because of various informalities. In response, Applicant has amended the specification. Withdrawal of the objections to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-11, and 13-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP1134897 to Banik ("Banik") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0101840 to Davidsson et al. ("Davidsson"). Claims 3 and 12 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action does not include any claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; therefore, Applicant has interpreted the recitation of allowable subject matter by the Office Action as referring to the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In response to the rejection of claims 1 and 10 as unpatentable over Banik in view of Davidsson, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 3 and has amended claim 10 to include the features of claim 12. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 10 as amended herein, are in allowable form. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 and 10, is respectfully requested.


Claims 2-9, 11, and 13-18 depend from and further limit either claim 1 or claim 10. As such, each of these dependent claims is also deemed to be in allowable form.

Applicant appreciates the examiner's allowance of claims 19 and 28. Given that claims 20-27 and 29-36 depend from and further limit allowed claims 19 and 28, respectively, Applicant respectfully submits that each of these dependent claims is also in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently-pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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